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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PBB*

RE: Site Inspection, Quality Building Stone, Amis #1 Mine, S/049/038, Utah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: November 19, 2002
Time of Inspection: 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.
Conditions: Cloudy, windy, 30's, about three inches of snow on the ground
Participants: Wes Hansen, Quality Building Stone; Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The Division issued a notice of noncompliance which included failure to salvage topsoil. The purpose of our visit was for the operator to show me where topsoil was being stockpiled.

Getting to the site:

Reports for the previous inspections describe how to get to the site.

Observations:

The operator has not been stockpiling the majority of the topsoil in piles but has put most of it in berms and other locations. Photos 1 and 2 show some of the stockpiled soil. Much of the area around the quarry has up to about two feet of soil that could be salvaged, but there is also a shale layer in various locations that the operator has been avoiding. This shale is likely to have high clay and salt contents.

Most equipment that was present during the previous inspection has been removed. The only piece I saw that was left was a dozer blade.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator has complied with the soil salvage regulations. Because the soil is in various places and is not marked with signs (which is recommended but not required), I have some concerns that the soil could accidentally be wasted; however, Mr. Hansen was very cognizant of where he had placed soil that will be used in reclamation. I also felt confident that he understands the importance of salvaging the topsoil.

The soil salvage portion of the notice of noncompliance can be terminated. On November 20, 2002, the operator submitted a notice of intention, and this may fully abate the notice of noncompliance.

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cc: Wes Hansen
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ATTACHMENT
November 20, 2002
Photographs
S/049/038, Amis #1 Quarry, Quality Building Stone



Photo 1. Soil stockpiled in a berm along the side of a road.



Photo 2. Another soil stockpile.